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A Contemporary Synagogue in a Traditional Setting

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CLIP OUT AND SAVE SCHEDULE

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 3, 9:30 AM
Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, January 10, 9:00 AM
Sunday Breakfast
with radio host Jordan Rich
See flyer for information

Friday, January 15, 8:00 PM
Friday Night Services & Oneg Shabbat

Sunday, January 24, 9:00 AM
Sunday Breakfast and Jewish Learning
With Rabbi Talya Weisbard Shalem

Friday, January 29, 8:00 PM
Friday Night Services & Oneg Shabbat

Friday, February 5, 8:00 PM
Friday Night Services & Oneg Shabbat

Sunday, February 7, 9:30 AM
Board of Directors Meeting

Sunday, February 14, 8:00 PM
Sunday Breakfast and Jewish Learning
With Rabbi Talya Weisbard Shalem

Friday, February 19, 8:00 PM
Friday Night Services & Oneg Shabbat

Sunday, February 28, 9:00 AM
Purim Breakfast

Morning Minyans
Sunday 8:30 AM, Thursday 8:00 AM
All are welcome

Sunday Breakfasts
\$5 members, \$6 non-members
All are welcome



TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS

Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.
11:00 AM to 4:00 PM

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

The bitter cold, the snow, Thanksgiving and Chanukah have all come and gone and now the bitter cold and snow are back again. Oh well, it's New England and it's that time of the year!!!

I hope you are all staying warm and enjoyed Thanksgiving and Chanukah celebrations with your families.

We continue to welcome guest Rabbis for Friday Shabbat services and guest speakers for our Sunday breakfasts. Once again, I must urge all of you to make a concerted effort to attend Friday night services and future breakfasts with guest speakers so that candidates coming to audition can see the unity, warmth and spirituality that have enabled our beloved Temple to exist for the past 103 years.

We also remind you that morning minyans continue to be held on Thursday mornings at 8:00 am and Sunday mornings at 8:30 am. Your attendance is needed. Asher Zamansky, who usually conducts our Thursday morning service, has been ill and is in a rehab facility. We wish him a speedy recovery and look forward to his return.

Our Chanukah Brunch was just a culinary delight and the movie was very enjoyable. Those of you who were not able to attend missed a wonderful celebration. Thank you to Marilyn Davidson, Norman Fox, Ellen Goldstick, Sue Huberman, Ellen Koretz, Ron and Janet Lamkin for all their hard work in making this happen.

Our steering committee, rabbi search committee and programming committee are all working very diligently to find suitable candidates for future services and breakfasts.

At this time I would like to express my sincere appreciation for all the cards, flowers, phone calls and well wishes I received while recovering from my recent surgery. It certainly helped for a more speedy recovery. Thank you all so much for caring.

Stay warm, stay safe, and please continue to stay connected to Temple B'nai Israel. We are in the in

the midst of a tremendous transition. We need your support.

My sincere wishes for a happy and healthy new year to you and your families.

Jane Wiseman, President

MILESTONES IN OUR LIVES



Happy Birthday to Evelyn Fox on her 97th birthday!

Mazel Tov to Alison d'Amato and Lynne McMurtry on the birth of their daughter, Claire Miriam McMurtry d'Amato. Mazel Tov also to Julian Lander on his becoming an uncle.

Long-time member Ida Sugarman passed away. We send our condolences to Larry Sugarman and his family.

Former member Rose Sokolove passed away. We send our condolences to Jim Sokolove and his family.

SPONSOR AN ONEG SHABBAT

An ***Oneg Shabbat*** follows all ***Erev Shabbat*** services, providing an opportunity to join fellow congregants in the joy of community and friendship.

Please consider sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat to honor any special life-cycle events in your life - baby namings, engagement and wedding blessings, aufruf's, birthdays and anniversaries, graduations, bar or bat mitzvahs, new jobs, or in memory of loved ones. Whichever your milestone, your sponsorship of Oneg Shabbats will help the Temple greatly.

To reserve your Friday night, please call Carolyn Pivnick at (781) 485-0514.

Thank you, Carolyn.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR RABBI

Dear Friends,

At our last Friday night services, I revealed a not-so-well-kept secret to the folks attending services. Chanukah for hundreds of years was really known as the holiday of "Sukkot in Kislev", an eight day mid winter festival that made up for the Sukkot that everyone had missed due to the fighting and revolt led by Mattathias and his sons including Judah Maccabee, against the forces of Hellenism led by Antiochus. It had nothing to do with the miracle of the oil. The oil seems to be introduced centuries later as Jewish communities inside and outside of the Land of Israel struggled to survive.

The Chanukah story speaks to a number of the fundamental issues facing our contemporary Jewish world ranging from the growing divide between Israel and outside-of-Israel based Jewish communities, to the sharp differences and divisions within Jewish communities in both North America and Israel.

But why focus only on the negative? Let us not despair. It is too easy to just give ourselves over to cynicism and being "bummed out". Chanukah is also a time of light on the darkest days of the year!! And doesn't the song we sing each year (Mi Yimalel) say, "in every age a hero or sage arose to our aid"? It is customary on Chanukah to tell the stories of two heroic women, Hannah and her seven sons, and Judith's defeat of Holofernes. Both women, like Miriam before them, defy odds to inspire the Jewish people to rise above their dire circumstances, divisions from within, and daunting external challenges.

So this year's post Chanukah inspiring story comes from a recent Bat Mitzvah. At the candle lighting ceremony at the Shabbat afternoon party the Bat Mitzvah called her *Bubbe* (grandma) up to light a candle. Beautiful-such *Naches* (pride)!! The *Bubbe* approached the cake and her beaming granddaughter with a heavy burden on her shoulders. She is an Orthodox Jew. Her faith dictates that she not create fire on Shabbat or even have another Jew create fire on her behalf. So as her granddaughter, knowing her *Bubbe* is Shabbat observant, went to light the candle for her, she could have or should have stopped her. Instead

she stood in the glow of the moment with a huge smile and allowed her granddaughter to light *Bubbe's* candle on her behalf. *Bubbe* chose family and Jewish peoplehood over adherence to a long held essential practice of her faith. Amazing!! That is heroism, resiliency and truly inspiring.

As my favorite band (The Grateful Dead, just in case you are interested) says, "once in a while you get shone the light in the strangest of places if you look at it right."

Thank you *Bubbe* for showing us the real Chanukah light.

The Rabbi

HEALTH AND WELFARE COMMITTEE



***An Apple A Day....
We're Sending Get Well Wishes to***

Selma Freedman
Jerry Aronson
Eleanor Lawson
Norman Fox
Phyllis Tanen
Asher Zamansky

If you have any news regarding the health and welfare of our Temple members, please let us know. We'll send a card from the Temple with the warm personal touch of our Health & Welfare Committee.

Please notify us immediately if you learn of the passing of a Temple member or even a family member of a Temple member, so that we may respond promptly to the family on behalf of Temple B'nai Israel.

You can call Jane Wiseman directly at (781) 438-2396 or leave a message for her at the office.

**Temple B'nai Israel invites you
to a Special Breakfast with
popular radio host**

JORDAN RICH



Sunday, January 10

9:00 a.m.

One Wave Avenue, Revere

\$10 for a sumptuous breakfast!

A native Bostonian, Jordan Rich has been a fixture on radio and TV for nearly thirty years, hosting the weekend late night talk shows at WBZ since the late 1990's. Along with his career in broadcasting, Mr. Rich dedicates many hours in support of numerous charitable organizations and maintains a full schedule running an audio production company. He will be sharing stories about his adventures in radio, with behind-the-scenes glimpses of the broadcasting business.

Reservations are required by January 5.

Please contact greatasue@gmail.com or leave a message at the Temple office: (781) 284-8388. Checks should be sent to Temple B'nai Israel at One Wave Avenue, Revere, MA 02151.

NEWSLETTER SCHEDULE & SUBMISSIONS

*Our newsletter is published bi-monthly.
Please clip out and save the calendar!*



The Newsletter welcomes news and articles from our members, as space allows, and we respectfully reserve the right to make appropriate edits for grammar, length and such. Email newsletter submissions to tbnewsletter@tbirevere.org.

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HONORS AND DONATIONS CORNER

Prayer Book	\$36 each
Chumash	\$54 each
Book of Honor	\$75 each
Tree of Life	\$125 each
Yahrzeit Plaque	\$200 each
Pew Plaque	\$500 each
Vestry Chair Plaque	\$25 each
Bulletin Well Wishes	\$5 per wish
Rabbi's Fund	
Direct Donations to the Temple	

TEMPLE DONATIONS

In Memory of

Irving Bunick – brother
From: Reisa Bunick

Rhona Sher – mother
From: Myrna Saltman

Pearl Shapiro – mother
From: Norman and Rhoda Zagorsky

Hannal Kaplan
From: Estelle Marlor

Charles Cohen
From: Sue Huberman

Herbert Kanter – brother
Leonard Kanter – brother
From: Edith and Irving Taub

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William Goldenberg – father
From: Harvey and Ruth Maibor

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Gussie Ruebenstein – mother
Charles Dryer – friend
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Ruth Kaplan
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Janice Hurwitz
The Peddle Family

Gert Strasnick
From: The DiLiegro Family
Arlene and David Borans

Sidney Sugarman – beloved father
and grandfather
From: David and Arlene Borans

Barney Zagorsky – father
From: Norman and Rhoda Zagorsky

Ruth Berkowitz – mother
From: Norman Berkowitz

Rose Tanen – mother
From: Phyllis Tanen

Barney Poverman – father
From: Naomi Poverman

Eva Richman – sister
Henry Trager – brother
From: Irving and Nancy Greenberg

Dora Feldberg – grandmother
From: Mark and Sharon Locke

In Honor Of

In honor of Irving's honor
at High Holidays
From: Nancy and Irving Greenberg

In honor of Stella Hazel Charney's
baby naming
From: Linda Freedman

In honor of son Daniel's engagement
to Lindsay Karofsky
From: Dr. John and June Guttell

In honor of cousin John Sokolove's
65th birthday
From: Judy Sokolove Turban

In honor of naming of granddaughter –
Stella Hazel Charney
From: Alan and Sandra Belinfante

In honor of Dick and Fay Borofsky's
anniversary
From: Jerry and Millicent Aronson

In honor of Martin Lawson for his
successful and continued dedication
in maintaining the morning Minyan
services
From: Joe and Helena Book

In honor of the wedding of
Mimi and Jeff Callum
From: Joe and Helena Book

Well Wishes

Jane Wiseman
From: Temple B'nai Israel
Sue and Charlie Mason
Lenny and Sandra Bodner
Sylvia Corin
Jerry Garber
Naomi Poverman

Evelyn Fox
From: Sylvia Corin

Carl Minkovitz
From: Lenny and Sandra Bodner

Eleanor Lawson
From: Lenny and Sandra Bodner

Jerry Garber
From: Temple B'nai Israel

Norman Fox
From: Temple B'nai Israel
Lenny and Sandy Bodner

Brenda Berkeley
From: Temple B'nai Israel

Asher Zamansky
From: Temple B'nai Israel

Selma Freedman
From: Temple B'nai Israel
Lenny and Sandy Bodner

Gerald Aronson
From: Temple B'nai Israel
Naomi Poverman

Joyce Freedman
From: Sue Huberman

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to Selma Freedman
in honor of the naming of great
granddaughter Stella Hazel Charney
From: Gerald and Millicent Aronson
Lenny and Sandra Bodner

To Carol Haney – congratulations
on successful Reunion
From: Lenny and Sandra Bodner

To Sandra and Alan Belinfante
In honor of their new
granddaughter Stella
From: Phyllis Tanen

To Martin and Janice Label
on their 40th Anniversary
From: Joe and Helena Book

Prayer Book

In memory of our beloved Aunt
Sophye and Uncle Bill Sklar
From: David and Arlene Borans